



**Press Release -Layton City Fire Department  
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## **Layton City Enacts Partial Ban on Aerial Fireworks**

LAYTON – In a pro-active approach to preventing wildfires during these extreme fire conditions, the Layton City Fire Department is enacting a restriction on the use of approved aerial fireworks in portions of Layton City.

The affected areas include the following:

East of 2000 E. from the south city limits to Cherry Lane.  
East of Fairfield Rd. north of Cherry Lane to Church St.  
East of Church St. from Fairfield Rd. to Highway 193  
East of 2400 E. from Highway 193 to the north city limits  
North of 3450 N. to the city limits, east of 2000 E.

All fireworks are prohibited east of Highway 89 based on the 2004 City Ordinance.

Layton City Code 9.64.150 allows the Fire Chief, during adverse fire conditions, to prohibit the use of fireworks in other parts of the city.

A map of the restricted areas will be posted on the city website at [www.laytoncity.org](http://www.laytoncity.org).

Layton City has designated and opened up the use of Andy Adams and Sandridge Parks for the safe use of approved aerial fireworks during the legal discharge period.

The Fire Department and Police Department will be enforcing a 'zero tolerance' policy for illegal fireworks within the city limits.

"Our staff spent a great deal of time to provide a thorough risk assessment to determine which areas are truly of concern", says Layton City Fire Chief Kevin Ward. "The 'fuel loading', as we call it, is at extremely high level, coupled with critically low fuel moisture. We are already seeing late July fire season conditions".

Single shot mortars, roman candles, bottle rockets and firecrackers are still prohibited. The Fire Department will be inspecting firework sales locations to ensure only legal fireworks are sold.

Legislators also approved a change to the days that legal fireworks may be discharged. Fireworks may be discharged July 1 through July 7, and again on July 21 through July 27. The hours of discharge are from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, with extension to midnight on July 4 and July 24.

"Just because some fireworks are legal, it does not mean that they can be used without incurring some risk. People need to follow safety precautions and watch their children closely", says Ward. "We still encourage leaving the firework displays to the professional shows".

Citizens with questions are encouraged to call the Layton City Fire Department at (801) 336-3940.